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For: **MODIFYING DOUBLE-STRANDED DNA
TO ENHANCE SEPARATION BY
MATCHED ION POLYNUCLEOTIDE
CHROMATOGRAPHY**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner
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Washington, D.C.

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Initial Patent Examination Division

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicant's respectfully request the Examiner to amend the application by substituting the following paragraph(s) as indicated below.

In the Specification:

Page 71, paragraph 2 (beginning on line 3), should be replaced with:

A sample of DYS 81 "A" allele PCR product was fluorescent tagged by using TAMRA tagged forward primers in the PCR process. The DYS 81 "A" allele is the wild type of the DYS271 209 base pair fragment described in Kuklin et al., *Genetic Testing* 1:201 (1998) (this publication is incorporated herein by reference). Plasmid A (Part no. CSP1041, Enova, Half Moon Bay, CA),